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P/C: ISRAEL: ESHKOL to LBJ 6/9/67

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JERUSALEM--ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER LEVI ESHKOL TODAY CABLED CONDOLENCES TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON ON THE KILLING OF 10 AMERICAN SAILORS IN AN ATTACK ON A U.S. NAVY COMMUNICATIONS SHIP.

ISRAEL PREVIOUSLY HAD OFFICIALLY APOLOGIZED FOR THE ATTACK ON THE USS LIBERTY OFF THE SINAI PENINSULA. IT SAID THE ATTACK WAS A TRAGIC MISTAKE.

"DEAR MR. PRESIDENT," ESHKOL CABLED. "I WAS DEEPLY GRIEVED BY THE TRAGIC LOSS OF LIFE ON THE U.S. NAVY SHIP LIBERTY.

"PLEASE ACCEPT MY DEEP CONDOLENCES AND CONVEY MY SYMPATHY TO ALL THE BEREAVED FAMILIES.

"MAY THE BLOODSHED COME TO AN END AND MAY GOD GRANT US PEACE."
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